wherever available and for previous year(s) otherwise. India's figure (for 2005) reported at 4,39,200 works out to a 5.6 percent share of the total road accidents. The International Road Federation during two-day conference on "Mobility and Safety in Road Transport" held in October, 2008 in Delhi resolved and urged all the stake holders to work collectively to reduce road accident fatalities by 50% in the next three years. Other recommendations of the IRF Conference include involvement of all stake holders in the national mission, display of suitable road safety messages along highways, airports etc., coverage of road safety messages both in print and electronic media, development of excellent traffic management skills, specific design and planning of urban roads, application of intelligent transport system, higher allocation of funds for safety features in road system, etc.

Highway projects pending in Bihar

*168. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several highway projects are pending in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the enhancement of lanes on existing roads;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these projects are taking more time than expected;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Government is taking for early completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Yes. Sir. Some projects for four laning of NH 2, 31, 57 and 28 have been delayed. Details of these projects including present progress, schedule date of completion, likely date of completion and reasons for delay are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(e) Steps taken for early completion of the projects are:-

i) All efforts are being made for making the balance encumbrance free site available to contractors.

ii) Targets are being fixed as per revised work programme and being monitored at every level.

iii) Supplementary Agreements are being entered fixing the minimum monthly progress wherever the contractor's performance is very poor.

iv) Frequent meetings by the top officials of NHAI with State Government officials are being made to clear the above impediments.

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Sl. No.	Stretch	NH No.	Length (KM)	Start (Actual Commencement)	Date of Completion (Original)	Likely Completion	4 - lane Completed	Funded by	Cumulative Physical progress (%)	Reasons of Delay
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Varanasi-Mohania (55 Kms. in UP and 21 Kms. in Bihar)	2	76	March, 2002	March, 2005	Dec,2009	75.1	World Bank	94.84%	Slow progress by the contractor.
2	Purnia - Gayakota Km.447-Km.419	31	28.084	Sep,2001	Sep, 2004	March, 2010	25.56	NHAI	91.00	
3	Purnia -Forbesganj Km. 310.00-Km. 267.50	57	42.50	Nov, 2005	April, 2008	Dec,2009	34	NHAI	82.00	
4	Purnia -Forbesganj Km. 267.50 - Km. 230.00	57	37.50	Nov, 2005	April, 2008	Dec,2009	24	NHAI	79	
5	Forbesganj -Simrahi Km. 230.00 - Km. 190.00	57	40	April, 2006	Sep, 2008	Dec,2010	2	NHAI	34.25	
6	Simrahi - Ring bund of Kosi Km. 190.00-Km. 165.00	57	25 (Actual 15.15)	April, 2006	Sep, 2008	Dec,2009	8	NHAI	63	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7	Kosi Bridge including approaches and guidebund Km. 165.00-Km. 155.00	57	10.00	April, 2007	April, 2010	June, 2010	-	BOT (Annuity)	49	
8	Kosi ring bund - Jhanjharpur Km. 155.00- Km. 110.00	57	38.55	Jan, 2006	July, 2008	June, 2010	15	NHAI	64.81	
9	Jhanjharpur - Darbhanga Km. 110.00-Km. 70.00	57	40	April, 2006	Oct, 2008	Dec,2010	-	NHAI	25.47	
10	Darbhanga - Muzzafarpur Km. 70.00 - Km. 37.75	57	32	Jan, 2006	July, 2008	June, 2010	10.00	NHAI	69.76	
11	Darbhanga - Muzzafarpur Km. 37.75 - Km. 0.00	57	37.75	Jan, 2006	July, 2008	June, 2010	21.50	NHAI	71.45	
12	Muzzafarpur -Mehsi Km. 520.00 - Km. 480.00	28	40	Oct,2005	Oct, 2008	Dec, 2010	5.5	World Bank	32.96	
13	Mehsi - Kotwa Km. 480.00 - Km. 440.00	28	40	Oct., 2005	Oct., 2008	Dec,2010	6	World Bank	30.03	
14	Kotwa - Dewapur Km. 440.00 - Km. 402.00	28	38	Oct., 2005	Oct., 2008	Dec, 2010	-	World Bank	27.36	
15	Dewapur -Bihar/ UP Border Km. 402.00 - Km. 360.915	28	41.15	Oct., 2005	Oct., 2008	Terminated on 07.02.2009	2	World Bank	18.29% as on 07.02.2009	